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Top 16 clubs ready to go in Dockerty Cup series!

KNOCK-OUT THRILLS BEGIN WITH THE CUP KICK-OFF ON SATURDAY!

By MORRIE BUCKNER

Juventus meets Melbourne and J.U.S.T. tangles with Moreland in the attractive double program that will open the Dockerty Cup tournament at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The Italian and Yugoslav sides should confirm their top-four State League standings with good wins in the opening round, but neither match is likely to be as one-sided as their League clashes suggest.

Melbourne and Moreland have nothing to lose and a lot to gain and will go flat out to get goals as long as their condition lasts.

But they are opposed by sides which earned their places in the "final four" more by virtue of strong defences than by consistent and effective attack.

With Steve Bukkos on his left flank, Melbourne's young forwards Silvers, Menich and Abonyi are likely to be both out-thought and out-manoeuvred.

And Weinber and Georgeoussis will find "Ramrod" Wally Patterson a tough man to pass on the other wing.

At the other end of the pitch, we find one of the mysteries of the season, Melbourne's regular defenders, Albers, Becsi, Zubiani and Juhasz, gave away only 32 goals in 20 league rounds to 10 teams — a reasonable performance for an experimental team.

Juventus stronger

But in the remaining two matches against Juventus, and in spite of the fact that Juventus has not possessed a settled, reliable forward line, Melbourne conceded 14 goals to the Italian side — four goals in the first-round match and 10 goals on June 23.

So, apart from being the stronger all-round side, Juventus seems to have the Indian sign on Melbourne and will win again.

J.U.S.T.'s winning display against Hellas last week was good enough to indicate that reproduction of that form will increase the margin of its two 1962 league wins over Moreland.

Those results were 3-0 and 3-1. On Saturday, the margin could rise to four goals.

Rice, Rasic and Ladehof kept the smart Hellas attack from scoring a single field goal last Saturday, but yielded a disputed penalty kick for "hands".

They are not likely to be any less effective against Moreland.

Rusmir, Micic, Mladenovic, Marinovic, Grego and van der Poel refused to be subdued by Hellas' tough defence, and only Schumacher's lack of speed was a weak spot

The Dockerty Cup

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against the swift and hard-tackling Mantarakes. The J.U.S.T.-Moreland match commences at 1.30 p.m., and the Melbourne-Juventus game kicks off at 3.5 p.m.

FIRST ROUND

J.U.S.T. v. Moreland (Sat., Sept. 1, Olympic Park, 1.30 p.m.)
Melbourne v. Juventus (Sat., Sept. 1, Olympic Park, 3.5 p.m.)
Austria or Sandringham v. Hakoah

(Sun., Sept. 2, Olympic Park, 1.30 p.m.)
George Cross v. Lions (Sun., Sept. 2, Olympic Park, 3.5 p.m.)
Croatia v. Polonia (Maribyrnong Speedway)
S.M.-Hellas v. Box Hill (Middle Park)
Richmond v. Slavia (Port Melbourne)
Wilhelmina v. Croatia (Jubilee Park, Ringwood)

Oliver Norris, Wilhelmina coach (No. 7), storms in to head past Albers, the Melbourne keeper, as Becsi (white shirt), the Melbourne centre-half, looks on. Also taking an active interest is Stoffels, Wilhelmina's centre-forward. Unfortunately for Norris and Wilhelmina the ball went past the post, so the game played at Olympic Park on Sunday finished 1-1.

Hellas' player tops the goalscorers

Congratulations to Adonis Hatzeleftheriou from S.M.-Hellas for finishing on top as the best goalscorer in the State League, 1962.

Trophy plaque will be presented to "Hatze" at a later date. Also my best wishes for S.M.-Hellas, a team that had, besides a top goalscorer, another 10 very good players and a clever coach, which resulted in a well deserved championship.

— BERNARD BOSMANS.

HATZELEFTHERIOU (S.M.-Hellas)	15
McQuillen (Hakoah)	12
Villers (Hakoah)	11
Barbaza (Juventus)	10
Biro (Juventus)	10
Gibb (George Cross)	10
Margarites (S.M.-Hellas)	10
Stoffels (Wilhelmina)	10
Acunzo (Juventus)	9
Beerendonk (Wilhelmina)	9
Fekete (Melbourne)	9
Watson (Lions)	8
Cook (Slavia)	7
Haasz (Slavia)	7
Sas (Wilhelmina)	7

EXHIBITION OF SOCCER

The Victorian Soccer Federation have agreed to supply two teams for a half-hour exhibition at South Melbourne Football Ground on Sunday afternoon, September 2, as a curtain raiser to the Aussie Rules football match between HSV7 and GTV9.

Proceeds in aid of the Royal Children's and Yoralla Hospitals.

The Federation will present a cheque on this day for £128/12/9, which they collected for the Royal Children's Hospital.

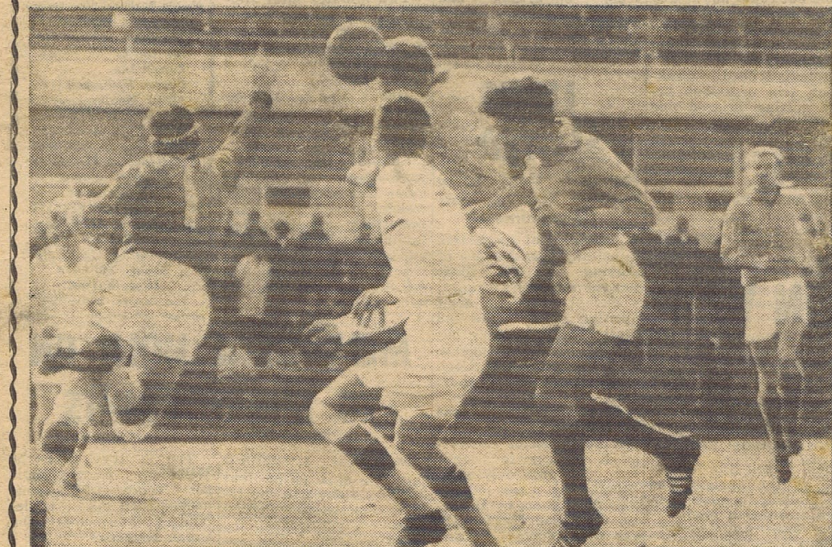
SOCCER — ABV-2

As from next Saturday the Australian Broadcasting Commission, through ABV-2, will telecast soccer.

For the next 30 weeks, every Saturday, a program entitled British Sport will feature mainly the best of British soccer.

The first edition will show highlights of Leyton Orient v Arsenal, among other matches.

When our season is over, if you still hunger for soccer, don't forget ABV-2 every Saturday afternoon.



Welcome, Sir Stanley

The most distinguished soccer personality ever to visit Australia will be in our midst this weekend ... Sir Stanley Rous ... president of FIFA, and at the time of writing there are strong possibilities he may visit Melbourne.

Sir Stanley Rous is a household name in world soccer and as a player and first-class referee he gained distinction before being appointed secretary

of the Football Association in 1934 and was ultimately knighted for services to the game in 1949.

He relinquished his post with the FA last year when he was appointed president of FIFA and on behalf of Soccer Weekly and all soccer fans in Victoria we hope his visit will coincide with Australia's early return to FIFA.

EDITOR STRICKEN!

The Editor of Soccer Weekly, Mr FRED VILLIERS, was suddenly stricken last weekend with a suspected virus illness and was removed to hospital from his home last Sunday morning.

Although suffering pain and discomfort, Fred stuck to his post as sub-Editor of the Sporting Globe and put Saturday's edition of that paper "to bed". He then carried on and completed Saturday evening's soccer program from 3KZ before he conceded defeat and put himself to bed.

At the Fairfield Hospital, specialists will determine the exact nature of Fred's illness. Until this is known and being successfully treated, visitors will probably not be admitted. Hence, before attempting to visit him there, Fred's many friends would be well advised to ring the hospital at 48-1121 to check up on the situation.

We hope — and it is quite possible — that Fred will be convalescing at home by the time you read this. So that your written and telegraphed cheerios will not be delayed in reaching him, we suggest that they be addressed to his home at 11 McLeod Street, Doncaster.

In the meantime, Fred's colleagues on Soccer Weekly, the Sporting Globe, his friends at 3KZ, in whose studios he directed the Godfrey Phillips Soccer Half Hour, and the whole soccer community, on whose behalf he has worked tirelessly in his effort to expand publicity for the game, all wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

— MORRIE BUCKNER.

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Referees' Column

By JIM DUNBAR

Judging by the amount of free advice which flows from the terracing to the field week after week, the number of people who believe they can do the referee's job better than he can appears to be increasing rather than diminishing.

Perhaps some of you sideline specialists are justified in your opinions, so after all, why should you not have the opportunity of putting your knowledge to some practical purpose?

Let me tell you how to go about becoming a referee.

First of all you have to attend school for a minimum of six weeks in order to obtain a basic knowledge of the laws of the game, after which, if your tutor is satisfied that you have progressed satisfactorily, he will submit your name to the executive as a suitable candidate for examination.

You will then be expected to pass an oral test, a written test, and at least three field tests, which will place you in the category of grade III referee, in which you must remain throughout the season and all of the following season before applying for up-grading.

Then it begins again — a more difficult examination plus at least three more field tests.

At the very least you can expect to have been refereeing for two and a half seasons before reaching grade II, and a similar period will have elapsed before you make grade I, if you make it.

If you have any strange ideas that you might utilise this harmless pastime to earn a few extra pounds for yourself, do yourself a favor and forget it.

You must pay an annual fee for the privilege of being a referee, plus a percentage of all match fees, and must equip yourself with shirt, shorts, stockings, boots, two whistles, two watches and training equipment.

You are expected to attend business meetings and laws meetings twice monthly and training sessions at least once a week, all of which entail more expense. You must familiarise yourself with the handling of team sheets, match reports and report sheets for players cautioned or sent off.

You will be obliged to attend disciplinary tribunals, where you will discover that, apart from your old friend the law book, every witness is against you.

You will be accused of all manner of sharp practices, subterfuges and skulduggery by the people of whom you are now one.

You will be threatened and badgered and, according to statistics, can look forward to being assaulted or having your property stolen or damaged (or both) at least once in every five seasons by these same people.

Now, if you still think you are a better ref. than the ref., why not sign up with our secretary and let us all have the benefit of your talents.

HELLAS SAFE BUT J.U.S.T. SHOW THEIR POTENTIAL

By SOCCER WEEKLY man-on-the-spot JIM COOK

J.U.S.T. surprised State League champions S.M.-Hellas by winning 2-1 at Olympic Park, collecting the two points and a place in the top four and a chance for the Australia Cup later this season.

Playing the better football with Mladenovic and Marinovic starring, J.U.S.T. slowly built up a pressure that finally cracked through the Hellas defence.

Hellas were the first into attack when John Bedford on the left-wing missed an easy chance to score. His final angle shot at an empty net from a few yards out went across the goal and the outside of the far upright.

J.U.S.T. took the lead in the 24th minute when Micic raced forward 40 yards, slipped the ball to Marinovic in the left-wing position, who cracked in

a solid centre for the alert Mladenovic to head sideways past Karpousas in the Hellas goal.

Hellas were putting a lot of energy into the game but could not steady their play in front of J.U.S.T.'s goal. Rice, and Rasic were defending stubbornly.

Tsolakis lobbed in weakly on two occasions before getting injured and was replaced by Margarites.

Margarites started with a burst but was quickly brought under control by quick-footed Rasmir.

Hellas missed several chances before half-time and went into the dressing

rooms a goal down.

J.U.S.T. had gained all the confidence in the world and were swinging the ball around with ease. The Hellas boys were far from comfortable and chased everything in their attempts to get into the game.

Marinovic centred again

LIONS SLAYED

Slavia 2, Lions 1, at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne

A late goal by Slavia killed any Lions' hopes of staying in the State League on goal average.

Except for a brief opening spell Slavia did most of the attacking but it took the home side to find the net when Cook drove home from short range.

Larusso brought Lions on level terms soon after interval when he converted a penalty for hands but after this only good keeping by Veigt especially from shots by Doherty, Cook and Haasz kept the score down . . . and then that winning goal which blasted Lions' hopes in the closing minutes.

Summing-up: Slavia, inspired by the great form of Billy Cook, should have won more easily. John Doherty, although not quite so effective as previously, showed flashes of class and brilliance.

Lions played as usual . . . hard — but obviously lack some class . . . perhaps the lesson they have learnt in their first season upstairs will stand them in good stead for a renewed attempt back.

for J.U.S.T.'s second goal. This time Van der Poel beat Karpousas to the ball to head in for a two-goal lead with only minutes to go.

Two minutes later Hellas were awarded a penalty after the ball appeared to strike Rasmir on the arm. Xanthopoulos scored from the spot.

Hellas tried to save the game but were not equal to the keyed-up J.U.S.T. players.

Summing-up: J.U.S.T. were stronger all day. The game was above average, which gave the fans something to watch. Hellas had nothing to lose and certainly showed it at times. Full marks to J.U.S.T. for a deserved win.

MELBOURNE HOLD ON TO SHARE POINTS

Melbourne 1, Wilhelmina 1, is a game that should go down in the record book as the slowest seen at Olympic Park for many seasons. The result of a draw was fitting to both sides. Melbourne for the courage they put into it. Wilhelmina for the lackadaisical style when attacking.

Albers in the Melbourne goal was soon in action with shots from Sas and Stoffels to deal with. Garrett stopped several sharp attacks.

DOGGED DEFENCE

Up in the Wilhelmina forward line wingers Van Balkom and Norris were being intercepted by Melbourne backs Togyer and Juhasz.

Stoffels finally scored the only goal in the first half to give Wilhelmina a 1-0 lead.

Play in the second half was still very slow with Wilhelmina doing most of the attacking. Stoffels was the only live-wire in the forwards.

Melbourne defence was hanging on tight with Albers carefully catching every long shot and Bessi playing well at centre-half.

Melbourne brought the game back to life with a breakaway goal that shook the Wilhelmina defence.

ATTACK THWARTED

Menich worked the ball forward and passed across to right-winger Weinber. With goalkeeper Snitsler out of position Weinber shot from a very acute angle. The ball rolled along the goal-line before hitting the inside of the far upright and rebounded into the empty net.

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CROSS WIN IN VAIN

GEORGE CROSS 4, CROAT 1 AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

George Cross were as much wrapped up in the outcome of the J.U.S.T. and Hakoah games as they were with their own match against Croat.

The telephone line was buzzing all afternoon with frequent scores from other grounds and even Croat themselves were most anxious about the Slavia versus Lions result.

The home side soon showed they meant business when they rattled on two goals in the first 10 minutes . . . both good efforts by Gibb and Abela.

Croat, with a practically non-existent forward line, relied on the veteran Sal and Shivar to stem the George Cross attacks and occasionally managed to move up to infuse some life in their attack. With the first half running out left-winger Bot hit a spectacular left-foot drive

which struck the underside of the upright and Mr Cadelli, in good position, awarded a goal.

It was late in the second half before the Cross emphasised their superiority and Abela and Terry increased the tally to four with good goals.

Summing-up: In the end George Cross ran out easy winners. Hodgson at centre-half played an excellent game and Abela was the pick of a forward line which didn't always fire on five cylinders.

With a forward line that won't or can't shoot Croat never stood a chance and Briscuso and Sal ran themselves into the ground in a defence that was overworked.

HAKOAH MISS THE CUP BERTH

Hakoah 2, Polonia 2, at Middle Park.

In this all important game for Hakoah the first half was highlighted by some great shots by Lolly Vella and Dudon, who prompted Polonia into attack for most of the

period. It was galling for Mannering to be beaten with a Dudon shot when he was unsighted, for the keeper had brought off some grand saves.

Hartley's ordering off in the second half climaxed some ugly scenes and

Polonia looked like having the points in the bag when Szygalski put them two up with just over six minutes to go.

In an almost hopeless position Hakoah made a tremendous fight back and levelled the scores through Villiers and McQuillan, but time ran out, as did their hopes of entry into the Australian Cup.

Summing-up: The odds were stacked against Hakoah after half-time. One goal down and playing with 10 men it looked like the writing on the wall, but they really went to town in the closing session and played like a team inspired.

Sporting Globe award winner Stan Sklarek and Lolly Vella were tops for Polonia, whilst newcomer Ken Waugh, formerly of Newcastle United, and Adams were Hakoah's best.

Moreland unlucky but Juventus took chances

Moreland 1, Juventus 3, at Campbell Reserve, Moreland.

Moreland sprang a surprise in their State League farewell by the inclusion at outside-right of Davie Oxtan, who has been overseas for over a year.

The home side surprised Juventus by their first-half display and twice had cruel luck when Keuken and Larmour came close to scoring.

When the teams changed over at half-time Juventus piled on the attacks and Pagotto scored two goals in 12 minutes before Moreland reduced the leeway through Larmour.

The veteran Eric Heath and young Docherty in goal performed well in face of incessant Juventus attacks but they lost a

third goal when Biro scored.

Summing-up: Moreland looked a good side for 40 minutes but were gradually worn down by repeated Juventus pressure. Heath and Keuken played well.

Juventus took a long time to settle but made no mistake in the second half. Bukkos had an excellent game and Biro again proved he is a thorn in the flesh to any defence.

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By DUNCAN McDUGALL

Slavia will be flat out to beat Richmond

In spite of having lost quite a few of their first team players at the season's start, Richmond overcame the handicap and took off the North Division flag.

Slavia put on a terrible performance last week, to push their ground mates Lions into relegation. On that showing, and with Richmond unknown to me, Slavia had better produce a much more convincing win if they intend retaining an interest in the cup.

Polonia to beat Croatia

First Division North champions and the team that has scored the most points in any league, Croatia, line up against an improved Polonia coming into form at the right time.

The return of Zientara heralded the Poles' change of tune and now they must be regarded as a serious contender for Dockerty Cup honors.

The years have proved there is a considerable difference between State League standard and that of the lower orders. It could be that Croatia are just a slight cut above the others, having players with previous experience in the top grade, and have been capably served this year by the Basic brothers.

Playing at the Speedway, Polonia have a decided advantage, if only by the reason they know every rut and hole in a ground that, at the moment, isn't in a state conducive to skilled play.

Dudon is Polonia's most enterprising forward and with Jurecki still out of action, the man for Croatia to watch up front.

With all cup games there is a larger element of doubt than at any other time. But even with this in mind, Polonia's improvement will be enough to swing the balance, particularly if it goes to extra time.

Since the advent of Doherty, Slavia's weaknesses up in attack have become more glaringly apparent. Their right-wing especially seems more than just rather reluctant to go for the ball, even with a fair chance of getting possession. The hesitation of Haasz lost some valuable chances for his fellow forwards.

Berry will be fit to return at centre-half, to stiffen up a half line that is lost without him.

Angstenberger is another who could do the push Duda off the left-wing.

Apart from Doherty, who had an unsettled game last week, Bill Cook is certainly the only forward likely to be of any assistance to the ex-Fulham player.

Slavia have a problem that can only be solved by importing more players of class to support Doherty. If this is not done, that player will never be shown to advantage or his real capabilities produced. If to fit into the side Doherty has to climb down to their level, the loss will not only be Slavia's, but a tragedy for Melbourne soccer.

Slavia are no great side, with just a handful of players producing the standard necessary for State League maintenance. Each year they battle along, just reaching there or there about.

The fact that Slavia manages to get there at all is largely due to a coach who goes about his task — and task it is, with his few players, without the glory or headlines that come the way of the "successful" coaches whose lockers are crammed with players.

John Hemmerling does a mighty job for Slavia, keeping them in the middle, but until the club officials get the material necessary for him to mould a top side Slavia will continue a "middle-class" team.

Richmond can take no great heart from the fact that Slavia are only an average side. Even at that they still have Doherty to contend with, and if there are goals available he's the man to get them.

Looks as if he'll have to do it too, because, with Cook an exception, the remaining three forwards appear incapable of making or taking goals.

HILLMEN COULD UPSET THE HELLAS STARS

Under Len Young, Box Hill made a commendable effort to regain their status in the premier grade. Even if they didn't score that promised "million goals" (what happened there?) their accomplishment was sufficient enough to warrant a look in on the cup ties.

The Wembley Park side should share a good gate at Middle Park, but there I'm afraid any ideas of sharing anything else will not be entertained by the Greeks.

Apart from having proved himself a good, if strict coach, Manny Poulakakis is the most envied coach in the league. He has more first team players than any other club, and even with some Hellas injuries of last week to replace, the worries will be little in comparison with other league clubs.

Johnny Bedford is a doubtful starter against his old club, having injured a knee, possibly cartilage trouble. No doubt Bedford would love to play, even if only to show what an improvement playing for a good club can produce. The hard hitting Salabassides — the league's best reserve — may fill the wing berth and with Hatzelakakis, the holidaying, Thess-

kis will fill the opposite berth, thus allowing glamour boy Margarites to occupy his happiest position at inside-right.

The Hillmen must have some capable players in their side to bring them within an ace of promotion. At the moment they are unknown to me, with the exception of McLeish, whom I've been told by Bill Stewart is Victoria's best centre-forward. The present lack of class centre-forwards in the league could make McLeish worth his weight in gold.

Whatever the value, Box Hill will need all his "sterling" qualities against the State's top defence, who take as much as they can get and give very little in the way of change.

Geo. Cross will avenge defeat by Lions

By MORRIE BUCKNER

The shock 2-1 defeat by Lions which kept George Cross out of the "final four" should be avenged by the Maltese side when they meet in their first-round Dockerty Cup tie at Olympic Park on Sunday.

This won't be a soda for George Cross, however. Lions, like Slavia, is an unpredictable team which, always the underdog, turned in no fewer than five shock results and quite a few unexpectedly close results during the League season.

The shock results were wins over George Cross and Polonia, and low-score draws with Juventus, J.U.S.T. and Hakoah.

The unexpected results included losses BY ONE GOAL ONLY to Juventus, J.U.S.T., Hakoah, George Cross, and twice to Slavia. The big margin in Lions' 4-0 win over Moreland also came as a surprise.

These results not only indicate that Lions will put up a brave showing on Sunday, but also suggest that a witch-hunt which allegedly erupted in the George Cross club after the team's defeat by Lions two weeks ago need not have occurred.

FALZON DOUBTFUL

It is unfortunately reported that, as a result of alleged recriminations, Fred Falzon wrote to the club, declining selection for the team, and he is unlikely to appear on Sunday.

The club will probably make the same changes in defence that it made last week against Croatia — Don Hodgson back to centre-half, and Vince Muscat out to left full-back.

George Cross never fails to put on a good display at Olympic Park, and in spite of Lions' good record against the Cross, it is hard to see a repeat of the upset win over the Maltese side.

Copeland should be back on the left-wing after suspension, and

with Terry, Gibb, Cubero and Campbell, backed by Schroeder and McKenna, George Cross should win by a handy margin.

This match kicks off at 3.5 p.m., preceded by Hakoah's cup tie which starts at 1.30 p.m.

Hakoah's opponent will be either Sandringham or Austria, depending on the result of Austria's postponed league game against Makedonia on Saturday.

To take Sandringham's place in the Dockerty Cup series, Austria must not only take both points

from Makedonia, but must win 2-0 or better.

But on their records in First Division North, neither Sandringham nor Austria will trouble Hakoah on Sunday.

Recent acquisitions Carmichael from Scotland, and Waugh, from England, should lift Hakoah's attack beyond the point at which First Division sides could be expected to cope with it.

So it's George Cross and Hakoah to survive for the remainder of the series.

WILHELMINA HAVE THE POWER TO WIN

Jubilee Park should see Croatia's first and last appearance in the cup this year. Unless of course the Dutchmen persist with the low level brand of soccer that they provided at the Park last Sunday.

Wilhelmina might be without their sheet anchor Van Alphen, who faces the tribunal this week.

Right-half Vluegels is the Dutch shining star at the moment. He would shine brighter and his forceful play be put to better use, if a right-winger, who stayed there, and was on the spot when necessary, could be found to finish off his spade work.

In the attack Stoffels is unrelentless in his quest for goals, ably supported by Von Balkom, probably

the State's best left-winger.

These two should be sufficient to find the Croatia often enough for a convincing victory against a side that will be minus Horvat, their best forward. Farago makes a return at left-back, after an absence. But his strengthening of a slack defence shouldn't alter the final result.

FEDERATION CUP

The first round of the Federation Cup will be played on Saturday.

This cup, like the Dockerty Cup of former years, will provide the only opportunity to study teams in various grades. As each club will strive their utmost to succeed, the standard of soccer is likely to be high. Eighteen clubs will be left in the cup after the first round and they will be joined by 14 clubs who had byes. A total of 32 will therefore compete in the second round.

This round provides few opportunities for comparison of teams in either North or South competition.

Triestina meet South Yarra, who play in the Second South. As both clubs are near the top a close result is expected. Triestina should just beat the Yarra boys.

A Second North and South clash between Williamstown and Kensington will attract the spectators and they should not be disappointed. If Williamstown can pull themselves out of the slump in which they fell during the last matches of the League season they should win.

A comparison between standards can be obtained from the result of the Libertas - Geelong match. Libertas finished the season near the top of the Second North, while Geelong finished the season near the bottom of the First South. In my opinion there is a great difference between First Division soccer and Second Division soccer, and I feel that Geelong will be too strong.

Austria may get a place in the Dockerty cup, with a game to play they stand only two points behind Sandringham.

Victory by a large margin will give Austria a better percentage, second place in the ladder and a chance in the Dockerty cup.

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Anyway, good luck to you, Box Hill.

HAYNES' INJURY

John Doherty's former club, Fulham, have suffered a severe blow by the fact that inside-forward Johnny Haynes, who is also England's captain, is out of the game till Christmas. Twenty-eight-year-old Haynes was injured in a car smash at Blackpool, Lancashire, when he sustained two broken bones in one leg and a broken bone in the other foot.

Fulham were relegated to the English Second Division last year after having got to the FA Cup semi-finals.

New player for Makedonia?

Tom Matseviski (Makedonia) is very happy at the moment. His wife gave birth to a boy recently in the Royal Women's Hospital. Look out for another Matseviski at Makedonia in 1980. Congratulations are extended to Tom and his wife from the committee and players.

Coburg Soccer Club after last Saturday's game made a presentation to Alec Cairns and his wife, who are leaving for Ireland by sea on September 14. Alec has had a successful season and has scored nearly 20 goals.

Coburg's 17-year-old right-half Lloyd Pickering played a really good game last Saturday and could cement his place in the first team next season.

Salute to Hellas



Congratulations to South Melbourne-Hellas on winning the State League championship in only their second season in senior ranks. Players, left to right, are: Manny Poulakakis (coach), Ieremoides, Karpousas, Mantarakes, Margarites, Tsolakis, Hatzeleftheriou, Papadopoulos, Kamboropoulos, Kaligeros, Bedford, Kourlouakis.



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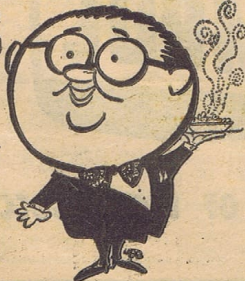
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METROPOLITAN ROUND-UP

Coburg Soccer Club will hold their annual end of season ball in the Caribbean Hall, Thornbury, on October 5. Admission is by donation and any interested parties are asked to contact Mr Taylor or Mr Fox at FL 6245.

Makedonia Soccer Club have announced that they will hold their annual soccer ball at their club rooms, 52-54 Young St, Fitzroy, in a few weeks time. Makedonia supporters are asked to watch this page for further details.

All soccer fans south of the Yarra are cordially invited to Sandringham Memorial Hall tomorrow (Friday), August 31, to see the Real Madrid-Eintracht film during the junior presentation night. Sandringham hope that their special guests will be the visiting Tasmanian under-14 team if arrangements permit.

Ferntree Gully social club have arranged for the same film to be shown at a film night on September 8. Supporters, friends and members of the Ferntree Gully social club are asked to keep that night free.

Sandringham Reserves brought home a premiership flag to Olive St last Saturday by a percentage fraction from Dandenong Reserves in First Division South competition. It has been a team effort by Sandringham and all who have played in this team have been proud to wear the Hammers' colors.

Last Saturday, against Oakleigh, junior captain Con Argeres contributed an opportunist's goal and was also brought down in the penalty area, providing dead-eye Bill Williams with another penalty goal.

Sandringham City in trying to find an enclosed ground to play Hakoah on Saturday in the first round of the Dockerty Cup were unlucky in not getting either the Sandringham or Black Rock football grounds. Negotiations with the respective committees failed to produce dividends.

The J. Sullivan Memorial Trophy for the best Sandringham player is sure to be a very close result, with at least six players having a good chance of winning. The award will be made at the senior dinner at the Brighton Club Hotel on Friday, September 7.

Sandringham received injuries to two star players in last Saturday's match against Oakleigh. Players injured were Bell and Reid. This could upset the team in the Dockerty Cup on Saturday.

Makedonia Soccer Club, who had poor suc-

cess in the First Division South this season, will import more players from overseas or from interstate for the 1963 season in an attempt to gain promotion.

There is no trouble with finance for the Makedonia club. Prominent businessmen and supporters have promised to the Makedonia committee more than £2500 in an attempt to make the club stronger next year. Some of the committee members who have promised donations are T. Tarekou, P. Kostrov, M. Yinevski, P. Daniels, V. Moianov.

MATCH REPORTS

Makedonia 1, Dandenong 1.

In a fast, thrilling and exciting game Makedonia were first into the lead when their inside-right scored from a good pass from his outside-left at the 31st minute. The lowly position on the ladder of Makedonia encouraged them to play good soccer knowing that a point could possibly save them from relegation. In the second half the Dandy boys struggled hard for the equalising goal. Makedonia's soccer champion Tom Kostevsky was injured 15 minutes before the end and had to leave the field. Dandy scored the equalising goal immediately afterwards. The game was excellently controlled by referee J. McPhee and both clubs wish to congratulate him.

Norlane - Olympia 1, Coburg 2.

In the early stages of the game Coburg attacked, but found that Norlane's quick recovery after good tackling prevented them from scoring. After 15 minutes, play became even and Norlane with the wind advantage were awarded a corner. From the corner centre-forward Gulthuser headed home to open the score for Norlane. On resumption of the second half Coburg moved Norm Miller to centre-forward and he immediately headed home an equaliser from a corner by Vic Prasard. In the eighth minute Miller crossed a ball from the left-wing and Prasard headed home for the winning goal.

Box Hill 1, Corio 1.

Box Hill were first into attack and a good shot was

saved by Gasparek. The Hillmen's first goal was scored by McLeish when he received a good pass from Roodhouse.

Towards half-time Corio came more into the game and Hagar was forced to bring off a good save when Grubwinker shot hard at goal. On the re-start it was mostly all Box Hill, but their shooting for goal was woeful. Corio equalised when Grubwinker beat Hagar with a 30 yard drive. Corio played good football at times and certainly deserved the point from this game, which almost assured them a place in the First North next year.

Best-Box Hill: Hunter, McLeish, White. Corio: Grubwinker, Gasparek, Dahlig.

Sandringham v Oakleigh

For the third week running Sandringham came from behind to draw. Down 0-2 with 30 minutes to go, Sandringham put everything into a continuous attack through the swamps at the Oakleigh goal. Right-back Laughton took a fine corner and Betts scored an opportunist's goal to reduce the lead. Oakleigh keeper Tony Martins was magnificent in goal as Sandringham fired in shots. At 75 minutes the Oakleigh right-winger was ordered off for rough play. With the game slipping away Sandringham attacked, and a great 40 yard goal from captain Reid thrilled the vocal Hammer supporters. In the last few minutes Oakleigh held out for a draw and a point probably keeps them in the First

SOCCER CHIEF'S TALKS

"Miracle" if he succeeds

IF SIR STANLEY Rous gets the chance of forming any opinions about the state of Australian Soccer during his all too brief visit it will be a miracle.

Because of the interest in Sir Stanley Rous' visit to Australia this weekend, we reprint this excellent story written by "HOTSPUR" in the Sydney Sun.

It is now confirmed soccer's top man — he is president of F.I.F.A. — arrives early on Thursday, August 30. He leaves on Monday, September 3, for Tokyo.

In that short space of time he has to interview the president, Mr Sid Storey, and the secretary, Mr Roy Drury, of the all but defunct Australian Association.

Then, if we are to get anywhere at all, he must meet the Federation and really get to grips with the situation.

OTHERWISE HIS JOURNEY WILL NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN UNNECESSARY — IT WILL BE A FARCE.

Mr Storey says he is going to allow Sir Stanley to have the Thursday to himself and then hold meetings, officially, on the Friday and the Saturday.

Whether Mr Storey intends to invite any Federation official to the Friday or Saturday meetings is extremely problematical.

In the atmosphere existing between the two organisations that seems impossible.

If there are no invitations it would mean the Federation would have no time in which to put its case. And no matter how optimistic Sir Stanley may feel about his ability to patch up the differences in Australian Soccer, there is no way in the world the Federation will even consider any sort of amalgamation with the Association.

The Federation considers, and rightly, it now runs soccer in Australia.

And although they may not be the "official" body with which Sir Stanley and F.I.F.A. have had, by protocol, to correspond, they intend to have their say and put their case.

FOR THAT REASON, WHILE THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE WAITING FOR FRIDAY, THE FEDERATION WILL BE ACTING ON THURSDAY.

They will make an attempt to see Sir Stanley. If he will agree to an appointment well and good. If not...

"WON'T WAVER"

"The Federation has discussed this matter fully," said secretary Bob Clark today, "and notwithstanding all the changes and improvements that have been made during the past year and our bids to placate the F.I.F.A. nations, there is not the slightest chance of the Federation changing its policy.

"As far as we are concerned the Association is dead. We have done everything in our power to make it possible to get back into the F.I.F.A.

"But we have our case and we will make our stand — and we are not going to waver.

"The Federation must be recognised for what it is, the controlling body of soccer in Australia and the only body which can possibly deal with F.I.F.A. We have our proposals and we believe they will be acceptable to Sir Stanley."

Sir Stanley Rous is a diplomat and a realist. He would not have got to his present position if he wasn't, and it is to be hoped he concentrates on reality during his all too brief stay in Australia.

HE HAS BEEN TOO LONG IN THE GAME TO BE OUTWITTED BY CANNY MOVES.

I believe he knows the situation — all that is necessary is for him to have a fair chance to appraise it from all angles.

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By DON SUTHERLAND



JUNIOR SOCCER has been one of the major items of discussion in official Federation circles during the past week. At the last council meeting, a deputation from the Junior Management Committee, headed by Junior Chairman Mr Dick Harvey, was welcomed and the ensuing discussion covered all aspects of the promotion of junior soccer. The Junior Management Committee would need an amount in excess of £1000 to carry out their well-laid plans, which will be closely considered by council. However, in order that the junior committee may meet its immediate commitments, a grant of £300 was approved for immediate payment.

THIS SEASON'S Junior Committee is undoubtedly the most enthusiastic and capable committee which has ever dealt with Junior Soccer. The men serving on the committee have none of the glamor of officials associated with senior clubs and it can truly be said that their hard-working devotion to the promotion of junior soccer merits them the title of "sportsmen" in every sense of the word.

Whilst each and every member deserves individual recognition for its efforts, we must pay special tribute to the efforts of Mr Dick Harvey, as chairman of the Junior Management Committee. In his first season in this capacity Mr Harvey has displayed a real capacity for capable leadership and administration, and we all hope that he and his committee members will continue to work towards their goal of making soccer one of the most popular junior sports in Victoria.

WITH THE SEASON drawing to a close it might be expected that the pressure behind the promotion of junior soccer might diminish in the coming months, but there is real evidence that this is far from being true. Sub-committees have been formed to concentrate on the encouragement of the formation of junior teams in specific localities and these sub-committees will concentrate their activities during the summer months on increasing the number of junior teams in their locality. As a first step towards this, the sub-committee responsible for the area south of the Yarra called a meeting of all clubs last night under the chairmanship of capable junior official Mr Geoff Dobbs.

AFTER MY REMARKS in last week's column about the fact that soccer does not receive the news coverage in the daily Press, particularly in Victoria, to which the magnitude of the sport should entitle it, I must do a semi-about face and congratulate "The Herald" for its article in last Saturday's issue on promotion of junior soccer in Victoria, and to "The Sun" for its article in last Monday's issue on the progress of soccer generally. All we need now is a section of the "daily football page" in these newspapers, throughout the winter season, and we will be able to begin to feel that we are getting a square deal!

CONGRATULATIONS are now in order for Croatia and Richmond on having won premiership honors and promotion to the State League. Inasmuch as I specifically tipped Croatia to win 1st Division North in the first column which I wrote this season, it gives me particular pleasure to record their success. However,

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in giving credit where credit is due we must recognise the long-term effort on the part of the Croatia committee which has led to the club's success. In the 1961 season the club spent a considerable amount of money in transfer fees in a bid to obtain promotion to the State League, but their near-failure that season did not deter them, and with the additional inclusion of players like the Basic brothers and Spanish-born Dachary the club showed considerable improvement.

Alemannia-Richmond perhaps deserve special congratulations for their success since they started this season virtually from scratch. The difference of opinion in the club in the pre-season soccer dispute, which is now history, led to the club losing at least eight of the players who had previously represented them during their previous season in the State League. With this in mind, their success in season 1962 is an outstanding feat and I sincerely congratulate the players and officials of Alemannia-Richmond for having achieved their success in the face of great difficulties. I only hope that they will spend the summer months in endeavoring to obtain the additional players which they will need in some positions to assure themselves of holding their own in higher company.

THIS WEEKEND sees the start of the traditional cup contests and interest will be stimulated in all leagues. An unusual feature of Round 1 of the Dockerty Cup is that it will not be known until Saturday night whether Sandringham or Austria will meet Hakoah at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday at Olympic Park. At present Sandringham have a two-point lead with a marginally better goal average than Austria, who have a game in hand against Makedonia. In this postponed fixture, to be played on Saturday, Austria must win by 2-0 or 4-1 to earn the right to meet Hakoah the following day. However, whilst Makedonia have no such incentive to spur them on, the friendly rivalry between the two clubs will ensure that the issue is in doubt until the final whistle.

FURTHER TO THE ARTICLE in "The Bulletin" recently which blamed soccer for the increase in "footbrawl", the anonymous writer held up the V.F.L. (Rules) as one of the bodies which does not tolerate footbrawl by saying that "the Victorian Football League stamps on footbrawl".

I am sure that The Bulletin writer would have been much interested to read in last week's "Sun" that "a boundary umpire was knocked over in a wild players' brawl in the V.F.L. game at Richmond . . . 29 players who raced to the scene pushed and punched each other . . . It was followed by many other incidents . . . NO PLAYER WAS REPORTED".

I feel that soccer's record of disciplinary action is far superior to that of many other codes and the attempts of various writers to "knock" soccer only draw attention to its many advantages.

AT LAST MONDAY'S State League management committee, which I attended as an observer in my capacity of Federation deputy chairman, a notable visitor was Mr Bob Clark, secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation.

Mr Clark invited questions on any subject from the members present as to the activities and intentions of the Australian Federation, and he certainly got plenty of questions! However, every question that was phrased was well-answered by Mr Clark and his frankness made a very favorable impression.

The general feeling of the meeting was well expressed by Mr Peter Demas of S.M.-Hellas when he said that more informal visits of this nature by Mr Bob Clark would keep everyone better informed and more closely united.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A referee is a sportsman — treat him as a gentleman!

J.U.S.T.—only side to beat Hellas twice

In the first half of the season, State League champion Sth. Melb.-Hellas lost four matches — to Wilhelmina, Juventus, Slavia and J.U.S.T. In the second half of the season, the champs were unbeatable. They avenged their defeats by Wilhelmina, Juventus and Slavia, and we were pretty sure that they would turn the tables on J.U.S.T. too. But in the final round last Saturday J.U.S.T. turned on its best display of the season to score a well-earned victory and become the only team to escape defeat by Hellas in the 22 rounds.

J.U.S.T. has seldom been seen in such a determined mood — in defence, in mid-field, and in their opponents' penalty area. And it paid off handsomely!

Micie paid particular attention to Hellas star Kamboropoulos and succeeded in dampening his efforts. Rumnir nipped a lot of moves by Papadopoulos in the bud, too. But the ball artistry of J.U.S.T.'s stylist Mladenovic went unchecked throughout the match.

Hellas left-winger Johnny Bedford was chagrined to miss a wide-open chance early in the game, but in the next 85 minutes he played what was possibly his best effort to date. His speed, clever dummying, sudden directional changes, and correct wing play beat many opponents and stamped this boy as one of the most improved players in the State League in 1962.

Popular young right-winger Dave Oxtan reappeared with Moreland last Saturday after a long sojourn at home in England. Now if Moreland can lure back to the club Don Hodgson (George Cross), Frankie Loughran (Coburg) and Teddy Smith (Hellas), it will again have the front line that was once a danger and a nuisance to every other team in the top league.

Recently - arrived English inside-left Jack Wilson helped Hakoah's reserves to a 3-0 win last Saturday by scoring all three goals. This fellow looks like Hakoah's best prospect for its senior team.

Other Hakoah reserve players with a bright future are Sergio Tarascio, young ex-Sunshine City goalie, who was Victorian State under-16 goalie last year, and lanky, 18-year-old pivot Jimmy Cecil.

Ex-Newcastle United and Hartlepool's wing-

half Ken Waugh made a useful debut with Hakoah against Polonia. He showed good distribution, was strong in defence, and "made" the goal which earned a draw with a perfect lofted centre for McQuillan's finishing header.

When Terry Hartley was ordered off the field last week after a clash with Zientara, he became the first Hakoah player to receive marching orders in two years — a most unhappy distinction.

MATCH POINTS

Still on the subject of Hakoah. When its under-18's beat Dandenong 10-1 last Saturday, three of the boys scored hat-tricks — outside-left Francis, outside-right Noss, and inside-right Linardos. This gave the club four hat-tricks for the day. The under-18's are a real bunch of goal-getters. They've scored 40 goals in their last four games.

Hakoah has announced that former Sunshine City junior Sammy Tarascio, aged 17 years, has shown such great promise as goal keeper in Hakoah junior team that he has now been promoted to reserve goal keeper for Hakoah firsts. Good work, Sammy, nice to see the juniors coming up.

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Tasmanian team visits Melbourne

By ALBERT MERRILLS

A representative Under-14 team from Tasmania arrives in Melbourne next Friday and the Junior Management Committee has arranged three fixtures. On Saturday, September 1, they will play a Victorian State team and on Sunday, September 2, a Metropolitan 11. Monday and Tuesday will be free days for the Tasmanians and a further match against the Victorian side is planned for Wednesday, September 5. The Tasmanian team leaves for home on Thursday, September 6.

At the time of going to press the grounds where these fixtures will be played are not definitely fixed and junior soccer supporters are asked to listen to Friday night's soccer broadcast from 3KZ, when it is hoped to give this information.

The Victorian teams will be made up as follows:

STATE XI (Under-14)
Mellor (J.U.S.T.), Chudak (Trident), Orlinski (Sunshine City), McMinna (George Cross), Nowak (capt) (Sunshine City), Verhagen (Wilhelmina), Tarasjuk (Trident), Petrowski (Nth Sunshine), Wrobel (Trident), Kupiec (vice-capt) (Olympia), Bradie (Sunshine City), Manson (Melbourne), Maikoussis (St Helms).

METROPOLITAN XI (Under-14)
Scown (Aspendale), Ruben (Springvale), Hill (Nth Sunshine), A. N. Other (Frankston), Skrobak (capt) (Nth Sunshine), Marzenko (Trident), Richards (Trident), Tyers (Sunshine City), Dale (vice-capt) (Aspendale), Spink (Wilhelmina), Nikolic (Sunshine City), Torczynski (Trident), Waadyk (Springvale).

All under-14 games cancelled for September 1.

UNDER 18 FINAL

In the under-18 cup final Brighton defeated Polonia Fawcner 2-0 at Olympic Park last Saturday.

Fawcner kicked off in bright sunshine and straight away went into attack. The Brighton defence held and sent their forwards away into attack. After 14 minutes of play Brighton scored the first goal from a free

kick taken by G. Hay. They then kept up the pressure on the goal mouth and went further ahead from a penalty kick received when the ball was handled three times. The penalty was converted by G. Hay.

Fawcner were now coming into the game and many good moves were spoilt by bad finishing in front of goal. Brighton were still attacking and their outside-right was unlucky not to score with a low, hard drive which just went wide of the post.

Early in the second half Fawcner had a near miss when a Brighton full-back kicked off the line with the goal keeper beaten.

Brighton, with a good passing move, attempted to increase their lead but the Fawcner goalie brought off a terrific save.

Both teams were pleasing the crowd with good football, although Fawcner were unable to score. Brighton, with two hard shots, rattled the cross bar in the closing minutes of the game but there was no further score.

The game was unfortunately marred by a freak accident — a Brighton player received the ball as he was tying a loose bootlace; as he kicked the ball his boot flew off, hitting his team-mate Gordon Hay full in the face. The injured player had to leave the field and was taken to hospital for treatment for several cuts to the face.

The cup was presented to Brighton by Mr R. Harvey, junior chairman, who introduced to the boys Mr Clarke, secretary of the Australian Federation, Mr Dockerty, president of the Victorian Federation, and Mr Marmaras, chairman of the Victorian Federation.

UNDER 16 FINAL

On Sunday, under-16 cup final ended in a draw and the two clubs will be notified shortly when the replay will take place.

In the first half both teams played good constructive football but towards half-time Nth Sunshine were getting on top with their good defence.

In the first five minutes of play Nth Sunshine put the ball in the net only to have the goal disallowed for offside. Play moved from end to end and Trident, with a break away, shook the cross bar with a hard drive from their outside-right. Nth Sunshine went back into attack and a hard drive from their outside-left and the Trident goalie brought off a terrific save, pushing the ball onto the cross bar and his full-back cleared on the rebound.

In the second half play moved from end to end with both goals having narrow escapes but neither team was able to score. The game deteriorated towards the end and the drawn result was a fair indication of play, both teams having missed many chances.

★
BRILLIANT REF.!
In the under-16 league match between Melbourne and Box Hill spectators saw an excellent game and a brilliant exhibition of refereeing. Congratulations are due to both teams and referee Mr Conti.

The game started at a fast pace and both teams produced some good mid-field play. The Melbourne forwards had most of the play but they could not break through the stubborn Box Hill defence, where Stacey was playing a great game. Finally A. Abonyi broke through for Melbourne and scored a clever goal. Before the half-time whistle the Melbourne forwards missed several golden opportunities to score.

Early in the second half the Box Hill boys played very well and had the home team worried.

However, Melbourne soon took command and in a 10-minute burst scored three quick goals through the Abonyi brothers and they had the game well in the bag.

Final score was Melbourne 4, Box Hill 0.

Best players for Melbourne were Z. Suli, P. Barna, Z. Karczag and the two Abonyi's, who scored two goals each.

51 GOALS
Wilhelmina have a star in the making with Tony Watson, centre-forward for their under-16 team, who has scored 51 goals in league games this season. Tony was chosen to be centre-forward for this year's under-16 State team, which will play the visiting NSW team in early September.

"LONG TAIL" TIPS THREE GOOD WINNERS

"Longtail," our greyhound racing expert, tipped three good winners at the second Olympic Park No. 2 Oval meeting on Monday night, which attracted an attendance only 118 fewer than the gala opening meeting the previous Monday.

Saskaview, one of "Longtail's" specials, was backed from 7/4 to even money and set a new track record in winning the Park Free For All by five lengths.

Coma's Pride, another of his tips, was liberally quoted at 3/1 and 5/2, and recorded his third successive win.

Alonga Prince (3/1-5/2) was another good priced winner for "Longtail" in winning the last race by four lengths.

The greyhounds are racing again at Olympic Park next Monday night with another top-class program.

Here are "Longtail's" selections and the fields—

- 1—Astbury, 1
Thames, 2
King Capone, 3
- 2—Andorie, 1
Homicidal, 2
Tarn Hows, 3
- 3—Mulga Doon, 1
Minsky, 2
Dalla's Babe, 3
- 4—Karessa, 1
Kerry's Idol, 2
Oakleigh Leer, 3
- 5—Merrivale Prince, 1
Silver Rabbit, 2
Special Value, 3
- 6—Justin's Pride, 1
Calamonte, 2
Peg's Dasher, 3

- 7—Chief Nan, 1
Natonne, 2
Dan Roc, 3
- 8—Dixie Quick, 1
Nero Flame, 2
Fairbairn Babe, 3
- 9—Alonga Prince, 1
Dhaulagiri, 2
Astradon, 3
- 10—Alonga Miss, 1
Waaia Fawn, 2
Arum, 3

BEST BETS

Mulga Doon, Merrivale Prince, Alonga Miss.

QUINELLAS

Karessa-Kerry's Idol, Dixie Quick - Nero Flame.

1 — 7.45 — £70 River Stake — 560 yds.—

Astbury, Jacinta, King Capone, Looney Tunes, Mylitta, Thames, White Gary, Yunta, Bonnie Rocket (first res.), Four Pegs (second res.).

2 — 8.3 — £72/10/- Juvenile Stake — 560 yds.—

Andorie, Deventer Jane, El Rookie, Katie Menang, Homicidal, Lord Gifford, Tarn Hows, Taragay, Billie (first res.), Miss Moomba (second res.).

3 — 8.21 — £72/10/- Juvenile Stake — 560 yds.—

Dalla's Babe, Judy's Plume, Lol's Pride, Mulga Doon, Minsky, Rarra View, Solvista, Swift Pace, Hot Tooth (first res.), Prying Miss (second res.).

4 — 8.39 — £82/10/- Swan Stake — 560 yds.—

Blue Zip, Karessa, Kerry's Idol, Little Motee, res.).

5 — 9.1 — £80 Burnley Hurdle — 560 yds.—

Alonga Boy, Happy Patrol, Merrivale Prince, Mastry, Maxwell Dalton, Prior Option, Silver Rabbit, Special Value, Water Roll (first res.), Flight Control (second res.).

6 — 9.23 — £100 Richmond Hurdle — 560 yds.—

Calamonte, Castley Lad, Hero's Mark, Justin's Pride, Prince of Catford, Peg's Dasher, Royal Vice, Rough Tone.

7 — 9.45 — £85 Batman Stake — 890 yds.—

Bright Zephyr, Chief Nan, Dan Roc, Double View, Natonne (Tas), Proudful, Salisbury Lady, Sky Frolic, Scotia Haved (first res.), Major Rebel (second res.).

8 — 10.7 — £85 Batman Stake — 890 yds.—

Bingo Lass, Dixie Quick, Fairbairn Babe, Nero Flame, Oca's Ribbon, Peg's Sensation, Scenic Star, Wonga Lady, Rose Grace (first res.), Lucky Jenny (second res.).

9 — 10.27 — £82/10/- Swan Stake — 560 yds.—

Alonga Prince, Astradon, Bold Best, Delavan Charn, Dhaulagiri, Minor Dinah, Rebel Cub, Santa Castle, Flag Talk (first res.), Rio Dash (second res.).

10 — 10.45 — £70 River Stake — 560 yds.—

Alonga Miss, Arum, Gay Rookie, Jacanal, On Tap, Waaia Fawn, Woodford Cola, Sweet Mandy, Gay Smile (first res.), Sunbeam Sal (second res.).

State League Highlights

When the curtain came down at approx. 4.30 on Sunday afternoon so ended one of the most exciting, exacting and exasperating seasons ever. Here then are a few brief highlights from the game in general:—

- The title of "Soccer Personality of the Year" must surely go to Manny Poulakakis for the wonderful job he has achieved in so short a time to make Hellas the champs.
- The best club effort of the year has been that of Wilhelmina in providing Victorian and indeed Australian soccer with a brand new and up-to-date ground and accommodation.
- The importation of players Doherty, Kamboropoulos, Campbell and Zientara has provided a shot in the arm and added color to our game as well as much needed ability.
- The 23,000 crowd who turned up to watch the recent South Melbourne-Hellas versus George Cross match carved another niche in the annals of Australian soccer and proved there is a growing public for top-class games.
- Melbourne's courageous decision to field three teenagers — Abonyi, Menich and Silver — at a time when they were threatened with relegation is most admirable in the long-term interest of the game.
- The obvious disappointment of George Cross. Having trounced J.U.S.T. and Juventus and shared points with Hellas, they went under in the year's shock result to lowly Lions, and thus deprived themselves of a place in the Australian Cup.
- Another disappointment at Middle Park, where Hakoah's early promise when they held the leadership, slipped slowly but surely from their grasp. Not even last Saturday's late burst could earn them consolation — a place in the four.
- After a season in which it would be only an exaggeration to say it was disappointing — Moreland, the last of the State League's British clubs, takes the drop to the First Division.
- The obvious rejoicing of J.U.S.T. officials and fans. When all seemed lost they gained an Australian Cup placing with a good win over Hellas after George Cross and Hakoah slipped up.
- The splendid performance of Juventus in annexing the runners-up position after their poor placing in 1961.
- Although last season's champions, Polonia, fell from grace for a variety of reasons, one can expect a full scale onslaught by them to challenge strongly for honors in 1963.
- Slavia's slowness to gather points early on put them in a shaky position for some time, but they came back strongly as usual and finished in their accustomed position — near the middle of the table.
- The new "babes" Croat and Lions were easily tamed and only the "two point" Moreland saved them from both reverting to their 1961 status.
- Only one side retained their 1961 League position — Wilhelmina — and they finished up with exactly the same points — 30.

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STATE LEAGUE table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Rows include S.M.-HELLAS, JUVENTUS, WILHELMINA, J.U.S.T., GEORGE CROSS, HAKOAH, SLAVIA, POLONIA, MELBOURNE, CROAT, HONS, MORELAND.

What's on at Olympic Park - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1. J.U.S.T. v Moreland, 1.30 p.m. Melbourne v Juventus, 3.5 p.m. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. Austria or Sandringham v Hakoah, 1.30 p.m. George Cross v Lions, 3.5 p.m.

Golburn-Murray Soccer Federation Results of Sunday, August 26, 1962. Roma v Macedonia 4-2, Shepparton City v Giggare 0-2, Shepparton East United v Myrtleford 2-1. LADDER table.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Rows include S.M.-Hellas, J.U.S.T., Hakoah, George Cross, Melbourne, Wilhelmina, Juventus, Slavia, Polonia, Moreland, Lions, Croat.

FIRST NORTH table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Rows include Croatia, Box Hill, Fiorentino, Alexander, Moonee Ponds, Sunshine City, University, Corio, Collingwood, St. Albans, Heidelberg, Maccabi.

FIRST SOUTH table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Rows include Richmond, Sandringham, Austria, Brighton, Boyswater, Dandenong, Yallourn, Oakleigh, Ferntree Gully, Makedonia, Geelong, Trident.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Rows include Box Hill, Croatia, Sunshine City, Moonee Ponds, University, Alexander, Coburg, Heidelberg, Fiorentina, Norlane-Olympia, Corio, Maccabi.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, P. Rows include Sandringham, Dandenong, Brighton, Austria, Makedonia, Richmond, Boyswater, Ferntree Gully, Geelong, Yallourn, Frankston, Oakleigh.

Next week Roma v. Giggare and Myrtleford v. Tatura, will be the final games of 1962 competition. The four top teams will play for the J. Riordan Cup. The team that finishes on the top of the ladder will receive another cup.

At the general meeting held on August 17, W. Jackson was elected president as C. Lea presented his resignations as he has left the district.

JUNIOR SOCCER TABLES. UNDER-12 ZONE "A", UNDER-14 ZONE "A", UNDER-16 ZONE "A", UNDER-18 ZONE "A".

JUNIOR SOCCER TABLES. UNDER-12 ZONE "B", UNDER-14 ZONE "B", UNDER-16 ZONE "B", UNDER-18 ZONE "B".

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JUNIOR RESULTS. UNDER-12: Slavia Port Melb. 1, S.M.-Hellas 0; Aspendale 5, Wilhelmina 1. UNDER-14 ZONE "A": J.U.S.T. 1, Trident 0; Sunshine City 4, Ajax 0; Lions Melb. 1; George Cross 0; Olympia 6; Essendon 2; Deer Park (I.C.I.) 1; North Sunshine 1. UNDER-14 ZONE "B": Noble Park 2, Frankston 2; Wilhelmina 11, Noble Park 6; Aspendale 1, S.M.-Hellas 3. UNDER-18 CUP FINAL: Brighton 2, Polonia Fawceter 0. UNDER-16 CUP FINAL: Nth. Sunshine 0, Trident 0. UNDER-14 ZONE "D": Dandenong 1, Hakoah 10; Aspendale 1, Wesley College 0; Melbourne 4, Box Hill 0.

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ARGUS MEDAL WINNER ANNOUNCED NEXT TUESDAY

The Argus Medal for the best and fairest player of the State League will be announced on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. The award is sponsored by popular soccer writer Bill Fleming.

Tasmanian Visitors

The under-14 State XI will play Tasmania at the curtain raiser to the SMH Helias-Box Hill game at Middle Park, Melbourne, 7 p.m. The Metropolitan team XI will entertain the visitors at Shintler Road, Footscray, on Sunday, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

UNDER-18 STATE TEAM

BIRO (Melb), OSMAN (Apx), BARNIA (Hrs), HAY (Brighton), HIRS (Aspendale), KILVER (Brighton), MCCARTHY (Box Hill), CARDON (Gorge), PLON (Korea), BOONYA (Melb), PEAT (Essendon), SULLIVAN (Melb), SALIBA (George Cross).

SOCIAL EVENING

Wilhelmina Junior Soccer Club is holding a social evening on September 11 at 7.30. All juniors playing under 12 and 14 with their parents are invited. There will be a film show and all are welcome.

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FOCUS ON OPINION

PAT TENNISON, "Sun" feature writer:

From a dribble 10 years ago, soccer in Melbourne has become a game in the middle of a rush. And the recruiting of ex-VFL player Brendan Edwards is not the only big thing happening in the game. Olympic Park (soccer's MCG) gross gate takings this season will almost reach £100,000. The 1951 season's takings were £150. British and Continental migrants still provide the game's backbone in play and support, but the Australian content on the ground, and watching, is growing. The game has two Australian star players, Ted Smith and John Bedford, who play for Hellas in the senior team, and there are three promising Australians in the Reserve team. The recruiting of Brendan Edwards is tipped as just a beginning. Other retiring League men will be approached — if they haven't been already — and asked to try out the new code. And through them, so will each player's personal loyal squad of fans.

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Brendan Edwards' chances as a Soccer Star

So Brendan Edwards is going to throw in his lot with Juventus and become a soccer player.

The ex-Hawthorn Rules star was approached by Juventus soccer officials and in a big cloud of publicity he has decided to "give it a go."

Good luck to him. We hope he can do well, and soccer always welcomes players from any other code quite obviously.

At 26 years of age, and with a few months of coaching, he is going to play for Juventus, probably in the Australia Cup. Does he really know

what he has let himself in for? After qualifying as one of the greatest ever Hawthorn footballers he retired this year, because for one thing Rules had become too rough, and he did not want to risk serious injury.

Yet it is a well-known fact that soccer claims more serious injuries than any other ball game, whether body contact or not. If soccer was to publish a list of its minor injuries in the daily Press as does the Football League, there wouldn't be space for anything else.

Most players good enough to play in the State League at the moment have been playing the game since they could walk. They have studied it, worked hard at it,

eaten and slept it, and now have been able to reach a standard deserving of it all.

If Brendan Edwards, superb athlete as he may be, is prepared to dedicate himself to our game and catch up with the years that other players have gained on him, let us wish him every success, but don't make the uninformed look upon soccer as a rest home for aged Aussie Rules players.

Every effort should be made to publicise the game, but the general public must not be led to believe that any trained athlete, no matter how good, can become a star soccer player overnight.

Austria thank Frank

One of the biggest boosts Austria Soccer Club has received this year has come from their captain - coach Frank Schwarz.

Club officials praise him for his untiring efforts in lifting the club to its present high position in the First Division South.

President Mr. E. Eugen told Soccer Weekly yesterday: "Frank has been the inspiration behind the team. He has worked wonders with the club this season and we are all indebted to him for his untiring efforts."

Frank, incidentally, is a former Polonia player and is well known in top company.

The club will be losing team manager Gustav Weissgram, who has been with them for five years. He has been forced to retire owing to business commitments.

Mr. Eugen, who has been in Australia for 12 years, will be taking his first overseas holiday soon when he leaves for a six-month European tour to recruit new talent.

He says the club is anxious to enrol juniors between 14 and 16 and any player interested should contact him at Austria House, 251 High Street, St Kilda (phone 94-3888).

On the social side, the club holds a cabaret dance every Friday and Saturday evening at Austria House and all soccer fans and their wives and girl friends are invited.

The club will play Austria (Adelaide) later this year for a Cup. The trophy will be decided from two games — one in Adelaide and the other in Melbourne.

Good luck, Austria. May you progress even more next season.

MORE SOCCER STARS HERE

Two more experienced overseas soccer players arrived in Melbourne to join State League teams this week.

Last Sunday, Tom Nolan, a 22-year-old winger, who played with Brighton-Hove-Albion, flew in to Melbourne and has signed up with Wilhelmina.

He is expected to appear in the Dutch side when it meets Croatia in the first round of the Dockerty Cup at Jubilee Park, Ringwood, on Saturday.

On Monday, Polish First Division inside-forward Henry Browarski arrived to join Polonia.

He came from Cracow, where he played with Garbarnia.

He is also expected to make his first appearance on Saturday, against Croatia at Tracey's Speedway, Maribyrnong.

FIRST LEAGUE MOST POPULAR

The highest soccer competition is the first league, which now has 14 clubs. Matches are played on an at home and away basis so that each club plays 26 matches during the season.

The winning team of the first league is entitled to participate in the European Cup and to go on the most important foreign tours.

Last year's Czechoslovak champion was the army team Dukla Prague, which has in its ranks brilliant players well known throughout the soccer world.

Dukla Prague has played in all continents with the exception of Australia.

Soccer Weekly Team

Here is the Final "Soccer Weekly" team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel select and award one point to as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for the consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in Soccer Weekly team.

KARPOUSAS (Hellas 9 pts)	FALZON (George Cross 9 pts)	BUKKOS (Juventus 7 pts)
GRIGGS (Juventus 9 pts)	SKLAREK (Polonia 9 pts)	MICIC (J.U.S.T. 8 pts)
MLADENOVIC (J.U.S.T. 6 pts)	KAMBROPOULOS (Hellas 8 pts)	CAMPBELL (Geo. Cross 7 pts)
TSOLAKIS (Hellas 5 pts)	JURECKI (Polonia 8 pts)	

Other players who have scored points:—

Glennie, Cook, Berry, Haasz (Slavia), Burns, Whyman, Richmond (Moreland), Marth, Voigt (Lions), Rusmir, Jankovic (J.U.S.T.), Acunzo, Frangioni, Barbazza, Kenny (Juventus), McKenna, Gibb, Muscat (George Cross), Gronowski, Szygalski, Dudon (Polonia), Kourkoulakis, Papadopoulos, Margaritis (Hellas), Garrett, Vajda, Becsi, (Melbourne), Silve, Rau, Djukic (Croat), Erasmus, Vluogals, Mathysen, Stoffe, Van Alphen (Wilhelmina), McQuillan, Manninger, Alexander, Haynes, Villers, Thomas, Adams (Hakoah).

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